

**Cool Topic Discussion:
The Melting and Disappearance of Circumpolar Born Digital Grey Literature**

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My institution is just on the verge of figuring out the infrastructure, IT and staff support, workflow, and ongoing maintenance issues that are required to capture and archive born digital publications. I am on a working group at the U of Alberta Libraries that is investigating this issue. I wanted to be on the working group, since I knew it would be important for the grey literature of Circumpolar study to be included in our efforts to preserve and create long-term access to born digital publications.

Right now, my institution catalogues online publications and we try to use persistent URLs, but these are not always available and we all know that documents from indigenous organisations, think tanks, research institutes, and government agencies are disappearing.

During this discussion session, we will consider:

- The stewardship of circumpolar grey literature, government information, and data that is disseminated solely online
- The subject focus of different institutions who are working to capture and e-archive grey literature, government information, and data of import to circumpolar study
- Approaches that institutions are already taking to successfully identify, capture, e-archive, and disseminate circumpolar grey literature
- Possibilities for international collaboration on the identification, capture, e-archiving, and dissemination of circumpolar grey literature
- The purpose of the discussion would be:
 - To articulate and define the stewardship role of Circumpolar Librarians with regards to the grey literature of the disciplines we support
 - To help participants find out about e-archiving projects that are being planned and carried out by our colleagues around the world
 - To reduce duplication of effort and plan collaboration on e-archiving projects collaboration and work on the preservation of our grey literature.

I look forward to working with you all towards an e-archiving strategy for Circumpolar literature.

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